

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 and 7-18 remain pending in the application. Claim 1 is currently amended, without introducing new matters. Claims 6 and 19 are cancelled.

Claim 1 is amended by including the allowable subject matters recited in original claim 6. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is now in condition of allowance.

Claims 2-5 and 7-18 depend from claim 1 and include all the limitations recited therein. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that they are in condition of allowance as well, due to their dependency on claim 1.

Claims 6 and 19 are cancelled.

As such, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections against claims 1-5, and 7-19 under 35 USC 102 and 103 are now moot.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this application in an allowable form. In view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are drawn to a novel subject matter, patentably distinguishable over the prior art of record. Examiner is therefore, respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections.

Should Examiner deem that any further clarification is desirable, Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

Applicants do not believe that any additional fee is due, but as a precaution, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee required by this submission to deposit account number 50-4244.

Respectfully submitted,

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